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Population and dwelling counts

	Halifax (CD)	Nova Scotia	
	Total	Male	Female
Population in 2006 ¹	372,858		913,462
Population in 2001 ¹	359,183		908,007
2001 to 2006 population change (%)	3.8		0.6
Total private dwellings ²	166,757		425,681
Private dwellings occupied by usual residents ³	155,138		376,829
Population density per square kilometre	67.8		17.3
Land area (square km)	5,495.62		52,917.46

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Age characteristics

	Halifax (CD)	Nova Scotia	
	Total	Male	Female
Total population ⁴	372,855	178,895	193,965
0 to 4 years	18,205	9,255	8,950
5 to 9 years	19,660	9,960	9,695
10 to 14 years	22,340	11,285	11,055
15 to 19 years	24,355	12,290	12,070
20 to 24 years	28,130	13,785	14,345
25 to 29 years	26,020	12,290	13,735
30 to 34 years	25,855	12,305	13,545
35 to 39 years	27,410	13,100	14,310
40 to 44 years	32,760	16,000	16,760
45 to 49 years	31,570	15,200	16,375
50 to 54 years	28,235	13,455	14,780
55 to 59 years	25,080	12,065	13,015
60 to 64 years	18,250	8,905	9,355
65 to 69 years	13,230	6,235	6,990
70 to 74 years	11,025	5,130	5,895
75 to 79 years	8,570	3,615	4,955
80 to 84 years	6,470	2,350	4,125
85 years and over	5,675	1,665	4,015
Median age of the population ⁵	39.0	38.2	39.8
% of the population aged 15 and over	83.9	82.9	84.7

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Common-law status characteristics

	Halifax (CD)	Nova Scotia	
	Total	Male	Female
Total population 15 years and over ⁶	312,650	148,390	164,265
Not in a common-law relationship	283,075	133,630	149,445
In a common-law relationship	29,575	14,760	14,815

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Legal marital status characteristics

	Halifax (CD)	Nova Scotia	
	Total	Male	Female
Total population 15 years and over ⁷	312,650	148,390	164,265
Never legally married (single) ⁸	112,575	56,725	55,850
Legally married (and not separated) ⁹	147,800	73,895	73,905
Separated, but still legally married ¹⁰	10,745	4,640	6,110
Divorced ¹¹	24,165	9,825	14,340

Widowed ¹²	17,365	3,305	14,060	54,805	10,300	44,505
iii. Figure						
Occupied private dwelling characteristics						
Total private dwellings occupied by usual residents ¹³	155,125			376,845		
Single-detached houses - as a % of total occupied private dwellings	51.6			67.3		
Semi-detached houses - as a % of total occupied private dwellings	6.9			5.0		
Row houses - as a % of total occupied private dwellings	3.5			2.1		
Apartments, duplex - as a % of total occupied private dwellings ¹⁴	4.0			3.1		
Apartments in buildings with fewer than five storeys - as a % of total occupied private dwellings ¹⁴	22.1			14.5		
Apartments in buildings with five or more storeys - as a % of total occupied private dwellings	9.6			4.0		
Other dwellings - as a % of total occupied private dwellings ¹⁵	2.4			3.9		
Number of owned dwellings ¹⁶	99,245			271,155		
Number of rented dwellings ¹⁷	55,855			103,870		
Number of dwellings constructed before 1986	101,440			270,960		
Number of dwellings constructed between 1986 and 2006 ¹⁸	53,680			105,885		
Dwellings requiring major repair - as a % of total occupied private dwellings	6.8			9.5		
Average number of rooms per dwelling ¹⁹	6.6			6.7		
Dwellings with more than one person per room - as a % of total occupied private dwellings ¹⁹	0.5			0.4		
Average value of owned dwelling (\$) ²⁰	212,942			158,000		
iii. Figure						
Selected family characteristics						
Total number of census families ²¹	105,200			267,415		
Number of married-couple families ²²	72,885			187,425		
Number of common-law-couple families ²³	14,950			34,700		
Number of lone-parent families	17,370			45,290		
Number of female lone-parent families	14,470			37,280		
Number of male lone-parent families	2,900			8,010		
Average number of persons in all census families	2.8			2.8		
Average number of persons in married-couple families ²²	3.0			2.9		
Average number of persons in common-law-couple families ²³	2.5			2.7		
Average number of persons in lone-parent families	2.5			2.5		
Average number of persons in female lone-parent families	2.5			2.5		
Average number of persons in male lone-parent families	2.3			2.3		
Median income in 2005 - All census families (\$) ²⁴	66,867			55,412		
Median income in 2005 - Married-couple families (\$) ²²	77,352			63,843		
Median income in 2005 - Common-law-couple families (\$) ²³	58,269			50,617		
Median income in 2005 - Lone-parent families (\$)	33,710			29,917		
Median income in 2005 - Female lone-parent families (\$)	32,094			28,330		
Median income in 2005 - Male lone-parent families (\$)	42,843			39,709		
Median after-tax income in 2005 - All census families (\$) ²⁴	56,037			47,850		

Median after-tax income in 2005 - Married-couple families (\$) ²²	63,872	54,078
Median after-tax income in 2005 - Common-law-couple families (\$)	50,377	44,038
Median after-tax income in 2005 - Lone-parent families (\$)	31,203	28,555
Median after-tax income in 2005 - Female lone-parent families (\$)	30,273	27,344
Median after-tax income in 2005 - Male lone-parent families (\$)	37,698	35,246

Selected household characteristics	Halifax (CD)			Nova Scotia		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total private households ²⁵	155,125			376,845		
Households containing a couple (married or common-law) with children ²⁶	40,240			96,260		
Households containing a couple (married or common-law) without children ²⁷	45,185			120,105		
One-person households	43,030			99,945		
Other household types ²⁸	26,670			60,530		
Average household size	2.4			2.4		
Median income in 2005 - All private households (\$) ²⁹	54,108			46,605		
Median income in 2005 - Couple households with children (\$) ²⁶	86,810			73,048		
Median income in 2005 - Couple households without children (\$) ²⁷	66,596			54,959		
Median income in 2005 - One-person households (\$)	27,877			22,395		
Median income in 2005 - Other household types (\$) ²⁸	43,029			37,588		
Median after-tax income in 2005 - All private households (\$) ²⁹	45,893			40,591		
Median after-tax income in 2005 - Couple households with children (\$) ²⁶	71,088			61,331		
Median after-tax income in 2005 - Couple households without children (\$) ²⁷	55,765			47,312		
Median after-tax income in 2005 - One-person households (\$)	24,547			20,414		
Median after-tax income in 2005 - Other household types (\$) ²⁸	39,040			34,781		
Median monthly payments for rented dwellings (\$) ³⁰	712			641		
Median monthly payments for owner-occupied dwellings (\$) ³¹	923			625		

Mother tongue	Halifax (CD)			Nova Scotia		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total population ³²	369,455	177,355	192,100	903,090	435,565	467,525
English only	337,715	161,675	176,045	832,105	400,930	431,175
French only	10,080	4,905	5,175	32,540	15,655	16,885
English and French	1,010	495	515	2,100	1,055	1,045
Other language(s) ³³	20,645	10,280	10,365	36,345	17,925	18,415

Knowledge of official languages	Halifax (CD)			Nova Scotia		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total population ³⁴	369,455	177,350	192,100	903,090	435,570	467,525
English only	323,355	157,125	166,230	805,690	392,225	413,470
French only	410	215	195	1,000	470	530
English and French	44,870	19,670	25,205	95,010	42,245	52,770
Neither English nor French	815	340	470	1,385	630	755

Language spoken most often at home	Halifax (CD)			Nova Scotia		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total population ³⁵	369,455	177,355	192,100	903,090	435,565	467,525

English	354,325	169,775	184,550	866,685	417,715	448,970
French	3,700	1,890	1,805	17,165	8,270	8,895
Non-official language	9,340	4,665	4,675	15,700	7,835	7,865
English and French	615	270	350	1,310	510	700
English and non-official language	1,380	705	675	2,125	1,090	1,030
French and non-official language	70	40	25	85	40	40
English, French and non-official language	20	0	15	25	0	25

Immigrant status and period of immigration	Halifax (CD)			Nova Scotia		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total population 36	369,455	177,355	192,100	903,090	435,570	467,520
Non-immigrants 37	339,840	162,990	176,850	854,495	412,430	442,065
Immigrants 38	27,410	13,190	14,220	45,195	21,330	23,860
Before 1991	16,590	7,875	8,715	30,305	13,990	16,320
1991 to 2000	5,760	2,860	2,900	7,985	3,930	4,060
2001 to 2006 39	5,060	2,450	2,610	6,900	3,415	3,485
Non-permanent residents 40	2,295	1,180	1,025	3,405	1,805	1,595

Citizenship	Halifax (CD)			Nova Scotia		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total population 41	369,455	177,355	192,100	903,090	435,565	467,520
Canadian citizens	360,355	173,005	187,350	887,995	428,405	459,585
Canadian citizens under age 18	73,625	37,415	36,205	182,285	93,290	88,995
Canadian citizens age 18 and over	286,730	135,585	151,140	705,710	335,120	370,595
Not Canadian citizens 42	9,100	4,350	4,750	15,095	7,160	7,935

Generation status	Halifax (CD)			Nova Scotia		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total population 15 years and over 43	309,270	146,900	162,370	756,595	361,155	395,440
1st generation 44	28,855	14,140	14,720	47,850	22,975	24,875
2nd generation 45	27,865	13,315	14,550	55,160	25,965	29,195
3rd generation or more 46	252,545	119,450	133,095	653,585	312,220	341,365

Mobility status - Place of residence 1 year ago	Halifax (CD)			Nova Scotia		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total population 1 year and over 47	365,625	175,535	190,085	894,570	431,510	463,060
Lived at the same address 1 year ago	310,795	149,400	161,395	785,165	379,310	405,850
Lived within the same province or territory 1 year ago, but changed addresses within the same census subdivision (municipality)	39,580	18,475	21,100	69,425	32,505	36,920
Lived within the same province or territory 1 year ago, but changed addresses from another census subdivision (municipality) within the same province or territory	4,720	2,325	2,390	20,800	9,920	10,880
Lived in a different province or territory 1 year ago	8,005	4,065	3,940	15,190	7,770	7,425
Lived in a different country 1 year ago	2,530	1,265	1,255	3,990	2,000	1,990

Mobility status - Place of residence 5 years ago	Halifax (CD)			Nova Scotia		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total population 5 years and over 48	351,015	168,040	182,975	860,670	414,005	446,665
Lived at the same address 5 years ago	207,360	99,930	107,425	575,240	279,185	296,055
Lived within the same province or territory 5 years ago, but changed addresses within the same census subdivision (municipality)	95,925	45,405	50,520	170,625	80,205	90,420
Lived within the same province or territory 5 years ago, but changed addresses from another census subdivision (municipality) within the same province or territory	13,330	6,155	7,175	54,945	25,575	29,370
Lived in a different province or territory 5 years ago	26,430	12,670	13,765	48,035	23,235	24,800
Lived in a different country 5 years ago	7,965	3,880	4,085	11,820	5,800	6,020

Aboriginal population	Halifax (CD)			Nova Scotia		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female

Total Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal identity population 49	369,455	177,355	192,100	903,090	435,570	467,520
Aboriginal identity population ⁵⁰	5,320	2,395	2,925	24,175	11,770	12,405
Non-Aboriginal identity population	364,130	174,960	189,175	878,915	423,800	455,120

iii. Figure Educational attainment	Halifax (CD)			Nova Scotia		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total population 15 years and over ⁵¹	309,265	146,895	162,370	756,595	361,155	395,440
No certificate, diploma or degree	60,310	29,740	30,570	202,775	102,045	100,725
High school certificate or equivalent ⁵²	72,540	34,150	38,390	172,800	78,795	94,000
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	30,905	18,845	12,060	90,420	55,800	34,615
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma ⁵³	57,505	24,690	32,815	135,975	57,010	78,960
University certificate or diploma below the bachelor level	13,900	5,805	8,095	30,650	11,595	19,050
University certificate, diploma or degree	74,110	33,670	40,445	123,980	55,895	68,085
Total population aged 15 to 24 ⁵⁴	52,405	26,200	26,205	117,770	59,755	58,015
No certificate, diploma or degree	19,410	10,435	8,970	51,165	27,930	23,235
High school certificate or equivalent ⁵⁵	20,160	9,855	10,300	41,635	20,235	21,400
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	1,495	915	575	3,900	2,455	1,440
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma ⁵⁶	3,865	1,995	1,875	8,675	4,290	4,380
University certificate or diploma below the bachelor level	1,315	665	645	2,375	1,130	1,255
University certificate, diploma or degree	6,165	2,330	3,830	10,015	3,715	6,305
Total population aged 25 to 34 ⁵⁷	51,595	24,345	27,250	104,750	49,345	55,405
No certificate, diploma or degree	3,940	2,270	1,670	12,060	7,230	4,825
High school certificate or equivalent ⁵⁸	10,280	5,540	4,735	23,190	11,880	11,310
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	3,870	2,335	1,535	10,190	6,035	4,155
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma ⁵⁹	11,960	5,535	6,425	26,505	11,565	14,945
University certificate or diploma below the bachelor level	2,150	1,020	1,130	4,030	1,805	2,230
University certificate, diploma or degree	19,395	7,640	11,755	28,775	10,830	17,940
Total population aged 35 to 64 ⁶⁰	162,605	78,215	84,390	402,995	194,650	208,345
No certificate, diploma or degree	22,505	11,455	11,045	82,220	42,875	39,340
High school certificate or equivalent ⁶¹	32,935	15,400	17,530	82,865	37,550	45,320
Apprenticeship or trades certificate or diploma	20,530	12,470	8,065	60,525	36,925	23,600
College, CEGEP or other non-university certificate or diploma ⁶²	35,170	14,995	20,170	85,005	35,720	49,285
University certificate or diploma below the bachelor level	8,550	3,440	5,110	18,420	6,750	11,675
University certificate, diploma or degree	42,925	20,455	22,465	73,955	34,830	39,130

Major field of study	Halifax (CD)			Nova Scotia		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Total population 15 years and over ⁶³	309,265	146,900	162,370	756,595	361,155	395,435
No postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree	132,840	63,885	68,955	375,570	180,845	194,720
Education	11,940	2,835	9,105	31,460	8,345	23,115
Visual and performing arts, and communications technologies	5,290	2,595	2,695	8,725	4,175	4,550
Humanities	10,120	3,885	6,240	18,195	7,225	10,970
Social and behavioural sciences and law	17,485	5,705	11,780	30,195	9,220	20,980
Business, management and public administration	42,585	13,925	28,660	86,670	23,920	62,750
Physical and life sciences and technologies	8,145	4,315	3,830	12,660	6,740	5,915
Mathematics, computer and information sciences	8,645	5,080	3,570	14,975	7,790	7,185
Architecture, engineering, and related technologies	35,335	33,100	2,235	88,860	84,685	4,170
Agriculture, natural resources and conservation	1,915	1,015	900	6,855	4,630	2,225
Health, parks, recreation and fitness	24,295	4,495	19,795	54,675	8,435	46,245
Personal, protective and transportation services	10,660	6,060	4,595	27,730	15,135	12,595

Other 64	10	0	0	15	10	10
iii. Figure Location of study						
Total population 15 years and over 65	309,265	146,900	162,370	756,595	361,155	395,440
No postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree	132,840	63,885	68,955	375,570	180,845	194,720
Postsecondary certificate, diploma or degree	176,420	83,015	93,415	381,025	180,310	200,720
Inside Canada	163,330	76,365	86,960	359,365	169,190	190,170
Outside Canada	13,095	6,645	6,450	21,660	11,120	10,540
iii. Figure Labour force activity						
Total population 15 years and over 66	309,270	146,900	162,370	756,595	361,155	395,440
In the labour force 67	212,935	107,985	104,955	476,125	245,950	230,170
Employed 68	199,555	101,200	98,350	432,595	222,990	209,600
Unemployed 69	13,385	6,780	6,600	43,530	22,960	20,570
Not in the labour force 70	96,330	38,915	57,415	280,470	115,210	165,265
Participation rate 71	68.9	73.5	64.6	62.9	68.1	58.2
Employment rate 72	64.5	68.9	60.6	57.2	61.7	53.0
Unemployment rate 73	6.3	6.3	6.3	9.1	9.3	8.9
iii. Figure Occupation						
Total experienced labour force 15 years and over 74	210,135	106,600	103,535	468,590	242,580	226,005
A Management occupations 75	22,815	14,155	8,660	41,700	25,430	16,270
B Business, finance and administration occupations	41,905	12,020	29,890	79,440	21,210	58,230
C Natural and applied sciences and related occupations	14,730	11,870	2,860	25,025	19,975	5,050
D Health occupations	14,665	3,130	11,540	31,120	5,570	25,555
E Occupations in social science, education, government service and religion	19,845	6,635	13,210	39,350	13,170	26,180
F Occupations in art, culture, recreation and sport	7,590	3,570	4,020	12,740	5,440	7,300
G Sales and service occupations	56,315	26,305	30,010	122,870	49,815	73,050
H Trades, transport and equipment operators and related occupations	24,860	23,410	1,445	69,965	66,445	3,525
I Occupations unique to primary industry	2,980	2,510	470	24,490	20,805	3,685
J Occupations unique to processing, manufacturing and utilities	4,425	2,995	1,425	21,890	14,720	7,170
iii. Figure Industry						
Total experienced labour force 15 years and over 76	210,135	106,600	103,535	468,590	242,580	226,005
Agriculture and other resource-based industries	3,480	2,600	880	27,400	22,180	5,220
Construction	11,590	10,325	1,265	29,965	27,200	2,765
Manufacturing	11,020	7,930	3,090	41,710	30,090	11,620
Wholesale trade	8,630	5,915	2,715	16,440	11,545	4,895
Retail trade	25,050	10,725	14,320	58,565	24,400	34,165
Finance and real estate	13,540	5,830	7,705	21,355	8,680	12,675
Health care and social services	24,485	5,000	19,480	54,695	9,460	45,235
Educational services	16,355	5,470	10,885	34,690	11,635	23,055
Business services	43,490	25,830	17,660	80,930	47,340	33,585
Other services	52,500	26,980	25,525	102,840	50,045	52,795
iii. Figure Unpaid work						
Population 15 years and over reporting hours of unpaid work 77	283,900	131,460	152,435	689,655	319,915	369,740
Population 15 years and over reporting hours of unpaid housework 78	280,815	129,555	151,260	681,725	315,085	366,640
Population 15 years and over reporting hours looking after children without pay 79	106,875	46,255	60,615	262,230	111,765	150,465
Population 15 years and over reporting hours of						

unpaid care or assistance to seniors ⁸⁰	46,850	18,455	28,390	134,205	53,555	80,655
iii. Figure						
Language used most often at work				Halifax (CD)		
	Total	Male	Female		Total	Nova Scotia
Total population 15 years and over who worked since 2005 ⁸¹	229,320	115,600	113,720		515,655	264,860
English	226,330	114,400	111,925		504,425	259,565
French	1,555	530	1,020		6,995	3,185
Non-official language	360	190	175		1,475	855
English and French	800	350	445		2,190	1,020
English and non-official language	250	120	130		505	205
French and non-official language	15	10	10		30	20
English, French and non-official language	10	0	10		30	15
						20
iii. Figure						
Place of work status				Halifax (CD)		
	Total	Male	Female		Total	Nova Scotia
Total employed labour force 15 years and over ⁸²	199,555	101,200	98,355		432,595	222,990
Worked at home	12,130	5,825	6,300		27,820	14,150
Worked outside Canada	1,000	710	290		1,815	1,315
No fixed workplace address	19,440	14,845	4,595		48,725	38,645
Worked at usual place	166,980	79,820	87,160		354,235	168,880
Worked in census subdivision (municipality) of residence	162,645	77,385	85,260		256,450	120,140
Worked in a different census subdivision (municipality) within the census division (county) of residence	60	30	25		63,545	29,080
Worked in a different census division (county)	2,565	1,345	1,220		29,470	16,525
Worked in a different province	1,710	1,050	655		4,765	3,130
						1,635
iii. Figure						
Mode of transportation to work				Halifax (CD)		
	Total	Male	Female		Total	Nova Scotia
Total employed labour force 15 years and over with a usual place of work or no fixed workplace address ⁸³	186,420	94,660	91,760		402,960	207,525
Car, truck, van, as driver	121,400	66,725	54,670		293,225	158,030
Car, truck, van, as passenger	19,830	7,500	12,330		43,705	18,740
Public transit	22,115	8,900	13,215		23,965	9,725
Walked or bicycled	20,670	10,060	10,610		35,645	17,145
All other modes	2,410	1,475	935		6,415	3,885
						2,530
iii. Figure						
Visible minority population characteristics				Halifax (CD)		
	Total	Male	Female		Total	Nova Scotia
Total population ⁸⁴	369,455	177,355	192,100		903,090	435,565
Total visible minority population ⁸⁵	27,645	13,340	14,305		37,685	18,250
Chinese	3,105	1,395	1,710		4,305	1,965
South Asian ⁸⁶	2,900	1,485	1,410		3,810	2,030
Black	13,270	6,260	7,010		19,230	9,150
Filipino	530	200	330		700	255
Latin American	690	385	310		955	505
Southeast Asian ⁸⁷	655	315	340		815	400
Arab	3,835	2,065	1,770		4,505	2,410
West Asian ⁸⁸	670	360	305		775	390
Korean	625	310	310		795	415
Japanese	410	175	235		500	215
Visible minority, n.i.e. ⁸⁹	180	60	120		260	95
Multiple visible minority ⁹⁰	780	325	455		1,035	420
Not a visible minority ⁹¹	341,810	164,015	177,795		865,405	417,315
						448,090
iii. Figure						
Earnings in 2005				Halifax (CD)		
	Total	Male	Female		Total	Nova Scotia
Persons 15 years and over with earnings (counts) ⁹²	224,805	113,125	111,675		508,305	260,905
Median earnings - Persons 15 years and over (\$) ⁹³	27,219	32,793	22,407		22,608	28,223
						17,984

Persons 15 years and over with earnings who worked full year, full time (counts) ⁹⁴	125,110	68,510	56,605	255,050	141,095	113,955
Median earnings - Persons 15 years and over who worked full year, full time (\$) ⁹³	40,247	46,331	34,941	36,917	42,328	31,516

III. Figure Income in 2005	Halifax (CD)			Nova Scotia		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Persons 15 years and over with income (counts) ⁹⁵	294,810	140,635	154,180	718,340	345,685	372,655
Median income - Persons 15 years and over (\$) ⁹⁶	27,193	33,744	21,891	22,815	29,592	18,053
Median income after tax - Persons 15 years and over (\$) ⁹⁶	24,212	28,917	20,015	20,778	25,955	17,119
Composition of total income (100%) ⁹⁷	100	100	100	100	100	100
Earnings - As a % of total income	75.6	78.5	71.7	70.2	73.4	65.7
Government transfers - As a % of total income	9.8	7.0	13.7	15.1	11.8	19.9
Other money - As a % of total income	14.6	14.5	14.6	14.6	14.8	14.5
Income status of all persons in private households (counts) ⁹⁸	367,660	176,335	191,325	891,010	429,725	461,285
% in low income before tax - All persons	14.3	13.0	15.4	13.8	12.4	15.2
% in low income after tax - All persons	10.8	10.2	11.4	9.6	8.9	10.2
% in low income before tax - Persons less than 18 years of age	15.7	15.6	15.8	16.6	16.7	16.5
% in low income after tax - Persons less than 18 years of age	11.9	11.8	12.0	11.5	11.6	11.4

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